

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Serial No. .... 10/609,229  
Filing Date ..... 6/27/2003  
Confirmation No. .... 7545  
5 Applicant ..... Microsoft Corporation  
Inventorship ..... Mohammad H. El-Haj  
Group Art Unit ..... 2194  
Examiner ..... WU, QING YUAN  
Attorney's Docket No. .... MS-302288.02 (was MS1-1559US)  
10 Title: Apparatus and Method for Automatically Manipulating Software Products

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

15 To: Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
  
20 From: Mark F. Niemann (Tel. 509-755-7259; Fax 509-755-7252)  
Sadler, Breen, Morasch & Colby, p.s.  
422 W. Riverside Avenue, Suite 424  
Spokane, WA 99201  
  
25 This responds to an Office Action dated January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.